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BELDING SCHOOLS TO CLOSE THE YEAR MONDAY, JUNE 10

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES ON
JUNE 19, BACCALAUREATE ON
JUNE 11, CLASS PLAY JUNE
18 IN THE OPERA HOUSE.

The Belding city schools will close the year's work on June 10. The high school commencement exercises will be on Wednesday evening, June 19, at 8:30 in the opera house. Dr. Alfred W. Wishart of Grand Rapids will give the commencement address. Other numbers on the program will be given by the class.

The baccalaureate services will be on Thursday evening, June 16 in the opera house with Rev. Father Klich delivering the address.

The class play will be Tuesday evening, June 18. The title of this play is "The Claim Allowed." This will be given in the opera house and is well worth seeing.

If all are successful in passing final examinations the following students will be graduated:

Frank Brooks
Madge Clemons
Nettie Davis
Martin Davis
Melvina Gardner
Howard Insley
Elma Jacoby
Edward Johnson
Margaret Laux
Velma Little
Selma Little
Glenn Lambertson
Marguerite Malone
Mabel McKiddie
Florence Neveeril
Norma O'Dell
Carrie Rhodes
Myrtle Soules
Marion Steele
Vivian Steele
Myrtle Treat

"Y" Boys Meet.

Earl Richardson's group of the boys' Y. M. C. A., met at the home of Albert Stanton, Monday night. About ten of the boys were present and after the business meeting the boys went in swimming. It is planned on holding the next meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Davis, of West Center street.

Dr. Fikes at Lake Odessa.

Dr. M. P. Fikes, who conducted a religious revival in this city two years ago, is now engaged in a similar work at Lake Odessa. Dr. Fikes' advance men arranged the organization at Lake Odessa with the same care as they did here and great results are expected.

Gasoline, Kerosene Prices Fixed.

The price of gasoline to the allies has been fixed by the government as follows: F. O. B. gulf ports 21 cents per gallon, Atlantic seaboard 23 1/2 cents, Standard white refined kerosene price fixed at 7 1/2 cents, gulf ports and 8 1/4 cents Atlantic seaboard. These prices become effective May 20, for 60 days. While these are not prices to domestic consumers, it is expected that they will have a stabilizing effect on the domestic market.

Quick Help For Neighbor.

When the neighbors and friends of Frank Antifich, a teamster living on the north side, learned that he had lost one of the horses on his team they immediately got busy and raised enough money to purchase another horse to take the place of the one which had died. Mr. Antifich thoroughly appreciates this kind act on the part of his neighbors, whose Samaritan spirits are clearly evident.

Lyle Totten Married.

Lyle Totten was married in Chicago on April 6, to Miss Emily Kapriva of that city and they came here to visit for a time at the home of his parents before he left for the national service, which he did last Friday night. Mrs. Totten will remain with her soldier-husband's parents for an indefinite time.

Slackers at the Lake.

Wid Howe was in the office the other day and said that if one wanted to go out and find slackers and idlers all he would have to do would be to go over to Aubin's Lake and there at most any time of the day, he could find a lot of persons whose time could be put in to better advantage by helping the country either with a gun or a hoe.

Mayor's Notice.

To the Citizens of Belding:
Friday, June 28, 1918, is officially designated War Savings Day by the national government and the governor of this state.

All loyal citizens of this community will accordingly, on or before this day, pledge themselves to save and economize to help win the war and will further pledge themselves to invest their savings in War Savings Stamps in the largest amount possible as evidence of their loyalty to the national government.

The people of this community will give every assistance in their power to the local representatives of the United States treasury who are conducting the War Savings campaign. All who are able should pledge themselves to save and invest to the limit allowed by law.

Elmer E. Fales,
Mayor.

"Pat" Is Going to Move

H. Patterson, proprietor of the oldest established bazaar stock in the city, has leased the store room recently vacated by Bachelor & Brown's grocery and will, about the 1st of July, move his vast and entire stock of bazaar goods from the present location at 221 West Main street, up into the new location where "Pat" will be able to look after business still better than in the past, owing to the greatly increased amount of floor space made possible by the acquisition of the new place.

The Patterson bazaar stock has been in its present location so long a time that it takes some of the "old heads" of the city to tell who occupied the store before the bazaar stock went in there.

FEMALE ALIENS MUST REGISTER OR BE INTERNED.

ACTION IS TAKEN IN SAME
MANNER AS WAS TAKEN WITH
THE MALE ALIENS.

The presence of so many German spies in this country has made it necessary for the government to take every precaution to know who the people are who reside within the confines of the nation and some time ago, it saw fit to register every German alien male in the country.

Since that time a number of German alien females have been caught in spy traps and mainly for this reason, the government has set out an edict that during the time elapsing between the morning of June 17 and the night of June 23, all German alien women who live within the United States must present themselves at the postoffice in the district in which they reside or at police headquarters, if such there are in the district and register.

Below is given a notice sent out through the country by the proper officials.

"Upon an order issued by the attorney general at Washington, D. C., all German alien females of the age of 14 years and upwards will be required to register. Said registration will begin on June 17, 1918, and will continue up to and including June 23 (excepting Sunday, June 23). The places of registration will be police headquarters in all cities which had a population of 5,000 or over according to the census of 1910, and at the postoffice in places of lesser population in 1910. Said places of registration will be open from 6 o'clock a. m. to 8 o'clock p. m.

Every German alien female will be required to register at the places mentioned above within the above dates, and failure to do so by any such alien will make such alien liable to severe penalties imposed by the government.

Should there be any doubt as to who comes within this classification (German alien female), they should at once consult, either the chief of police or the postmaster of the city or town in which they live for information regarding this matter.

Herman O'Connor, United States Marshal.
It will also be necessary for the registrant aliens to furnish four photographs of themselves at the time of registration. People in this locality should register with Postmaster W. F. Bricker.

Loan Stock Matured.

Series No. 50, of the Belding Building & Loan association containing 41 shares, matured June 1, and \$4,100 is now being paid out to stockholders. The stockholders are as follows:

Irwin Clark \$1,000
Cynthia Craven Estate 600
Martha E. Wells 1,000
Allie Sabine Estate 500
Jennie Beach 800
E. W. Little 200
Dues paid by stockholders 2,829
Profits earned on stock 1,271

Earnings on stock averaged about 6 per cent compound interest which makes a very fine investment. The association is a mutual institution and this is the reason that it is able to pay such a good rate of interest to stockholders. Not only does the association offer a good investment to its stockholders, but the plan of requiring a stated amount to be deposited each month helps the stockholders to be systematic in their savings. The secret in saving money is saving a little each month.

The Belding Building & Loan association is a splendid institution and its monthly payment plan is an ideal method for saving money.

Celebrated Silver Wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Sagendorf celebrated their silver wedding anniversary Friday, May 31. Among the guests who were present to assist in celebrating the event were Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Sagendorf and family of Greenville; Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Kendall; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sanborn; Orlo Morse, Geo. Sanborn and wife and Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Bias. Mr. and Mrs. Sagendorf were recipients of a number of beautiful and appropriate gifts in memory of the occasion.

A. N. Belding Improves.

Alvah N. Belding, donor of the new library, who has been confined to his room at Hotel Belding, is so far improved that he is able to ride out around the city again. This will be good and welcome news to the many local friends of this grand old man.

Training at Valparaiso.

Wells D. Hall, Alvin Davis and Lester Jersey, who recently enlisted at Detroit, are now in training at the Industrial Training school at Valparaiso, Ind. All three of the young men are from this city and will make good soldiers in the service of their Uncle Sam.

Somewhere in the U. S. A.



CHARITY BALL NETS HOSPITAL SUM OF \$250

FANCY DANCING BY LOCAL LADIES
FEATURE OF EVENT—
CONSIDERED BIG SUCCESS.

The second annual Charity ball, which the board of lady managers of the Belding hospital staged last Wednesday night in Crawford hall, was a tremendous success both from the number in attendance, the entertainment afforded and the financial returns, the sum of 250 being turned in to the hospital treasury as a result of the ball.

The decorations in the hall were in the national colors and were beautiful in the extreme. Ferns and flowers in profusion greeted the eye everywhere and gave evidence that the committee on decorations gave much time, thought and taste to the matter of making the room a place of beauty.

Hale's orchestra furnished the music for the occasion and the concert began at 8:30 o'clock and continued until 9 o'clock when the grand march led by Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Hubbell started off with a snap and swing which was characteristic of the evening's entertainment.

The solo dances by the Misses Velma and Selma Little, Louise Wilson, Dorothy Brown and Marian Cusser were exceptionally good and really worthy of professional dancers.

The committee in charge wish to thank all who so generously helped in any way to make this, the second annual Charity ball for the hospital. It was only through this splendid spirit of cooperation and willing aid that the quarter of a thousand dollars was able to be raised to assist in carrying on the great humanitarian work which our Belding hospital is engaged in.

Brought Here For Burial.

The remains of James P. Stanton, aged 63, who died from chronic tuberculosis at Ann Arbor, Sunday, June 2, reached this city Monday night and were taken to the Miller & Harris Furniture Co. undertaking rooms where they rested until this afternoon when they were taken to the home of his sister, Mrs. A. A. Norton of Grattan from where the funeral is being held this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Burial in Grattan cemetery. Mr. Stanton was practically a life time resident of Grattan. He died at the home of a sister in Ann Arbor.

Alumni To Have Service Flag.

The alumni of the Belding high school are preparing a service flag for those of their members who are now in the nation's service. The following are known by the committee to be in the service:

Class of '95—Mrs. Clara Hazel Widdicombe (nurse).
Class of '01—Lt. Fred Tuck.
Class of '03—Capt. Clayton Hopough.
Class of '07—Melvin Wagner, Fred Stanton, Geo. Altenberg.
Class of '08—Leonard Howe.
Class of '09—Dean Face, Elmer Grant Weeks, Sidney Washburn.
Class of '10—Ben Peterson.
Class of '11—Oscar Rummel.
Class of '12—Robert Reeves, Martin J. Engemann.
Class of '13—Jesse Altenberg, Arthur Dehn, Sergt. Ernest Menke, Elwood Weter.
Class of '14—Leo Orser.
Class of '15—Orville Klock, Harry Holmes, George Menke, Herbert Noble, Adelbert Richmond, Charles Aubill.
Class of '16—Wilford Blair, Clayton Steele, Alvin Davis, Kenneth Moon, Wells Hall.
Class of '17—Lester Jersey.
If you, reader, know of any whose names should appear on the above list, will you please notify J. C. Cusner or Mrs. Emma (Luick) Brown at once, so a star may be placed on the flag for them.

Committee.

Junior R. C. at Greenville.

An out of door festival for the Junior Red Cross will be held at Greenville, June 7 at 6:30 o'clock p. m. The members of the Junior Red Cross in their uniforms will assemble on Lafayette street and escorted by the band and high school cadets will march down Lafayette street to the high school building. A beautiful float, bearing the dainty dancers in costume will add to the procession. The school grounds will be lighted by the Tower Electric Co. Fancy dancing in beautiful costumes by girls of Greenville, Grand Rapids and this city will be given and a cordial invitation is extended to all. Tickets for the event can be secured at the Belding Hat Shoppe from Mrs. Iva Hull at 25 cents each.

WHY WE MUST SAVE AND BUY WAR SAVINGS STAMPS

H. J. LEONARD POINTS OUT
REASONS FOR WAR TO FINISH
AND FOR BUYING W. S. S.

When the quaint, beautiful cities of Malines, Thermonde, Lierre, Dixmude, Ypres and Louvain had been ruthlessly sacked, demolished and their treasures and works of art scattered to the four winds of the earth, our hearts were sad, yet we still had hope.

Knowing the seriousness of war, and trusting and believing in God, we still prayed for peace.

When General von Bissing told our national representative of the Red Cross that starvation was a powerful weapon and that when France and England ceased to provide food for the old men, women and children of Belgium, that they would be driven in the face of shell fire across the firing lines into France, we hung our heads in hopeless despair.

The fires kindled within us are now the making of a day or an incident, but of three long heart-breaking years of such unhuman Prussian cruelties that we have wondered if a just God still lives.

When the cries of the women and children of devastated Belgium reached our ears that they had been attacked and practically annihilated by the Prussian beast, we said "such a thing is impossible coming from the German people."

This war was not of our making. When the news was flashed across the ocean of the sinking of the Lusitania, carrying to ocean graves hundreds of defenseless American men, women and children, their cries from across the ocean depths bore to our ears and our hearts the facts that we dreaded, that a people fed for years on poisoned aristocratic militarism had turned a nation into a madhouse.

That we were being challenged for a war with a nation headed by a despot of brutal conscience, whose policy was ruthlessness, starvation and desolation.

Now, having been forced into this war, we must win it. Your Uncle Sam has his hands full now. His quarrel is just. His heart is sound. He is your Uncle Sam and he is mine and he is fighting for you and me and our children and our children's children.

I believe in orderly representative government. We elected our rulers and I am in favor of standing by them.

I have no use for slackers or their slanders or their innuendos as to the conduct of government officials. I am for this war. We are in it, not a war of our choosing, but a war forced upon us, and we at home must not go back on our boys at the front. We must make good and when our government asks us to save and loan of our savings to support arm and provide for the boys who go over to make our homes here safe, we must support our government to the last red copper.

We'll talk peace when we lick Germany and have licked her thoroughly. The Belding Savings Bank, H. J. Leonard, President.

FREE CLINICS HELP TO STAMP OUT TUBERCULOSIS

STATE FOLLOWS UP WORK OF
FIGHTING WHITE PLAGUE—
ONCE HELD IN THIS CITY.

The state of Michigan has found that the free tuberculosis clinics which it has been holding during the survey which was authorized by the legislature several years ago, has been conducive to the saving of a great lot of health and the prolonging of hundreds of lives through imparting to people afflicted with the first stages of the disease, information as to how to live rightly or getting them at just the right time to arrest the disease in its destructive progress of sapping the afflicted person's health and eventually causing premature death.

A number of cities in the state have joined the free tuberculosis clinic movement and are holding clinics once a week or once in two weeks or once a month, the local physicians giving their time to the work with a view of helping along the anti-tuberculosis campaign in their own territory. Detroit and Grand Rapids have been holding such clinics for a long time, Grand Rapids recently also appointing a special tuberculosis diagnostician. Several other cities more recently have established clinics. Saginaw physicians are now in the act of making their free tuberculosis clinics a monthly feature with very satisfactory results. Some other cities, some of them much smaller are following the same line of work.

What a free tuberculosis clinic can accomplish was illustrated recently by the experience of such a service in Flint. There the clinic was begun during the state tuberculosis survey by Dr. D. D. Knapp and Dr. W. H. Winchester. Weekly meetings have been held in the courthouse ever since. In his annual report of health conditions in Flint Dr. Wm. DeKleine, health officer, reported that during the past year 538 people were examined in this clinic and that 72 cases of tuberculosis were discovered. The Michigan Anti-tuberculosis association points out that if all cities in the state should establish such a service it would mean the saving of hundreds of lives each year. The case of Flint is merely typical of what is being done in other places where free clinics have been established.

At the time the local free clinic was held here two years ago, a quite a number of people were benefited and it would undoubtedly be a good thing were another such examination to be made in this city again.

Notice to I. O. O. F. and Rebekahs.

Memorial services will be held in the M. E. church Sunday, June 9, at 10:30 o'clock in the morning. All members are requested to meet at the hall at 10 o'clock and parade to the church. Every member should make a special effort to come out. After the services at the church we will go to the cemeteries to decorate the graves.

By order of Noble Grand.

Children's Day Exercises.

Children's day exercises will be held at the church of Christ Sunday evening, June 9 at 7:30 o'clock. All are welcome.

The attendance at the church is keeping up in good shape, even though the congregation is without a pastor and as many people attend services as when a pastor resided here, a remarkable matter, when quite the contrary could be expected.

M. E. Children's Exercises.
Children's day exercises will be held next Sunday at the Methodist church at twelve o'clock noon. The exercises will be in charge of the Sunday school. Features of the exercises will be the baptism of children by the pastor and the unveiling of the photographic honor roll of boys at the front. This honor roll is the gift of the Barack class.

Always Ready for Business

"Ace" Dorr needed a pair of suspenders and when he saw Abe Friedman coming down the street, he inquired the price of a good pair of trouser supports and Abe told him they were 75 cents. "What'll y' take for that pair you're wearing?" inquired "Ace" and when Abe set the price at 50 cents the money was forthcoming and Abe turned over the suspenders, hitched up his belt, another notch while both men laughed a little over the unique sale and went on about his business. "You can't get the start on Abe," said "Ace" who was unaware that the proprietor of the Metropolitan wore along with his suspenders a belt which could be used in case of an emergency.

SCHOOL ATHLETES AGAIN WIN BY WIDE MARGIN

MAJORITY OF HIGH SCORES AND
HONORS CARRIED OFF BY SILK
CITY SCHOOL STUDENTS.

In the annual county track and field meet which was held in Ionia last Saturday, Belding high school's track team again took the meet by a wide margin. The final scores were Belding 76, Ionia 37, Saranac 12. A strong westerly wind prevented any very fast times in the races.

Belding had very little trouble in winning the relay and will hold the meet trophy and the relay cup won last year, for another year. If they are won by Belding next year they will become the permanent property of Belding high school.

Ray Forman won the all-around medal with 25 points and George Skellenger took second by 23 1-2 points. The work of Merrill Peterson in winning the mile and 440 yd. dash cannot be too highly commended. Lawrence Chickering did good work by winning 8 1-2 points.

Clarksville did not seem to be playing up to her usual form in the ball game with Ionia and Ionia took the baseball championship by a 4 to 1 score.

In the tennis games in the morning the Ionia girls won both the singles and doubles. The boys' sets had been played off before. In these Ionia captured the doubles and the singles went to Lake Odessa.

The results and records of the track meet are as follows:

One-half mile run—Forman, Belding, first; Wade, Ionia, second; Cooper, Belding, third; time, 2 min. 14 1-2 sec.

100-yd. dash—Altenberg, Ionia, first; Skellenger, Belding, second; Dunsmore, Ionia, third; time, 11 1-2 sec.

12 lb. shot put—Forman, Belding, first; Dehn, Belding, second; Simmons, Ionia, third; distance 32 ft. 4 in.

220-yd. hurdles—Skellenger, Belding, first; Altenberg, Ionia, second; G. Lambertson, Belding, third; time, 31 sec.

Running high jump—Skellenger, Belding, first; Young, Ionia, second; Forman and Peterson, Belding, tied for third; height 5 ft. 3 1-2 in.

120-yd. hurdles—Forman, Belding, first; Stovell, Ionia, second; Bowen, Saranac, third; time, 22 sec.

One mile run—Peterson, Belding, first; Chickering, Belding, second; time, 5 min. 33 1-2 sec.

220-yd. dash—Forman, Belding, first; Skellenger, Belding, second; Dunsmore, Ionia, third; time 26 sec.

Running broad jump—Skellenger, Belding, first; Altenberg, Ionia, second; Forman, Belding, third; distance 19 ft. 8 1-2 in.

440-yd. dash—Peterson, Belding, first; Chickering, Belding, second; Taffel, Ionia, third; time 59 2-5 sec.

Pole vault—Bowen, Saranac, first; Young, Ionia, second; Forman, Belding, third; height 9 ft. 5 in.

Discus throw—Altenberg, Ionia, first; Eddy, Saranac, second; Dehn, Belding, third; distance, 79 ft. 3-4 in.

One-half mile relay—Belding, first; Ionia, second; Saranac, third; time, 1 min. 43 2-5 sec.

The members of Belding's relay team were Hanson, Chickering, Skellenger and Forman.

Baked Goods Sale.

The ladies of St. Joseph's Catholic church will hold a baked goods sale at the Miller & Harris furniture store, Saturday afternoon, June 8, from 2 until 5 o'clock. Full line of good home baked goods for sale.—Adv.

Thos. Welsh Here on Visit.

Thos. A. Welsh of Hart arrived in the city Saturday night for an over Sunday visit with friends here. Mr. Welsh also has some property here yet which his visit was also connected with. Mr. Welsh was the first man to hold the office of city clerk in this city, being elected at the first election held in this city after its incorporation. He has been connected with various enterprises, locally and in other cities throughout the state and nation and has a great many friends here who were glad to see him.

Belding Grange.

Belding Grange will hold an afternoon meeting Saturday, June 8. Program as follows:

Song.
Reading—Mrs. Emma Geiser.
Discussion, "Is success on the farm due to location, the farm or the farmer." Led by Mark H. Brown.

Closing song.

Long Lake Bus

I will run a bus to Long Lake, Heth's pavilion, Saturday, June 8, taking passengers for the dance. Bus will leave from P. M. depot at 7:15 o'clock p. m.

Bert Riker.

WAR LETTERS FROM THE BOYS WHO ARE GONE

BOYS IN FRANCE GET TO SEE
ONE ANOTHER OCCASIONALLY.
THINK FRANCE BEAUTIFUL.

The Banner-News is in receipt this week of a letter from President Hubert M. Engemann of the Banner Publishing Co. In it he tells of the impression Memorial day made on him and how the biggest impression of this great day was made by the smallest gathering of people.

Mr. Engemann, it will be remembered, is in the National service as a naval gunner and for some time back has been under treatment for a minor operation at the United States Naval hospital at Annapolis, Maryland.

"Hub's" letter is as follows:
U. S. Naval Hospital, Annapolis, Md.
May 30, 1918.

Dear Brother Ed and All: Well, here it is Decoration day and at last I have gotten up energy enough to write to you all. All the ceremony or celebrating I have seen here today was on lone auto drive into the naval cemetery next to the hospital and a little boy got out and put flowers on a grave. One of the women wore a heavy black veil and I suppose it was her husband who lay in the grave, and though I watched intently I could not make up my mind whether the child was the son of the officer and wife or of the man who lay buried in the grave.

I'll tell you Ed., of all the Decoration day parades and exercises I have ever seen this little body of four people moved my thoughts more, I think, than ever before, and I know they had a good parade in Belding last year. But somehow you see, this was different. I wonder if the officer ever thought that in another year they might be picking flowers for him. It's funny, but it did not occur to me at the time that I was practically in the same boat.

Well, I sure had a fine time while I was home and met many old friends and made a good number of new ones. I did not get time to get around and see all that I had wished to. I had a fine trip back here, only we came near having a wreck just before we got to Orleans. The first two wheels of the first truck under the tender left the rails and we stopped for about 15 minutes on account of that. It is a wonder the others did not leave and I guess if they had we would not have gotten away so quickly. I had nearly six hours in Detroit, during which time I raised hell, of course you know I did not mind that. Also had a two hour wait in Buffalo and finally arrived in Baltimore at 7:45 p. m. On my way to the hospital I stopped from one car to the next, one hour, and saw Mart and arrived at the hospital just 45 minutes before my time. I saw Niagara Falls both ways, coming and going and a lot of nice scenery all along the way down through the hills of Pennsylvania. They look nice, but I guess that is about all they are good for. When we went over the ridge I noticed a little creek less than two feet wide and we followed down along side of it through the valley all day, watching when other streams emptied into it, until at Harrisburg, Pa., it was a mighty river. Some of those mountain streams sure are swift.

Sunday the doctor asked me how I was feeling and when I told him "fine" he only said that I had better stay around a while, as my time, the doctor who makes the rounds on sick call was going to send me to duty but the other one would not let me go, so I suppose I will have to stay here for a time yet. Well I don't think it will hurt me any as today when I weighed myself I found I weighed more than I ever had before in my life. Only about 15 pounds more than I used to be at home.

The boys at the ranges are having a vacation today on account of it being Decoration day. I was up and saw Mart last night for a couple of hours and just after I got there it started raining and when it stopped I bent it for the car back. Bob Reeves and Mart had been at Baltimore and just got back after I got to the range. Say, those boys sure do have a lot of fun out of the trips to Baltimore working on the "Bullet". They found out in a restaurant there why strawberry shortcake is so called; namely, because it was short of strawberries and cake also.

We had a great dinner at the hospital here today; roast beef, mashed potatoes, peas, bread and butter and dessert of ice cream, a whole big saucer full with strawberries piled around it until it was actually overflowing.

Was over to the Annapolis range yesterday and had a good visit with Art Dehn. I can get over there quite often from the hospital here. After I get back to duty I won't be able to get over there so easy.

The folks at home all thought I looked black or tanned, but you ought to see the rest of the boys here. Today it is nice and cool, but most of the time it is real hot here. The other day I went out to get some wild strawberries. It did not take long to find a patch, but also it did not take long for me to hunt the woods and sit down and cool